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SUBJECT: Communist Attack on "NATO Pipeline" through Luxembourg.

There is attached a copy of an article which appeared in the September 20, 1956, issue of the Luxembourg Communist newspaper ZEITUNG entitled "NATO pipeline to cross Luxembourg soil".

The article criticizes the Luxembourg government as being the obedient servant of the United States and NATO. In the construction of the pipeline, (which was legalized by Grand Ducal decree dated August 21, 1956), the Communists see another menace to peace, and declare that the pipeline, (as well as NATO, the Luxembourg Army and the Luxembourg airport) is directed against the peace-loving Soviets. The Pipeline is also a threat to the article, against the native labor force, in that NATO is trying to make the organization of its supplies independent of local civilian labor.

Comment

There is nothing unusual, of course, in the Communists making an attack on anything connected with NATO, and the article is forwarded for whatever interest it may have. It should be noted that this is the first comment on the pipeline that has appeared locally.

Enclosure: as stated.

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